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*The following is a brief summary of the public meeting of the Boston School Committee held on **Wednesday, November 5**, at 6:00 p.m. in the Edward Winter Chambers, 26 Court Street. This summary is not intended to serve as official minutes of the meeting.*

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## **REPORTS**

The Superintendent presented her final “Pathways to Excellence” recommendations for school reprogramming, relocation, expansion, and closure. These recommendations represented several months’ worth of planning by staff; feedback from teachers, families, students, and community stakeholders; and a refocusing of the district’s academic and financial resources to meet the needs of students during challenging economic times.

## **ACTION ITEMS (VOTES)**

*Approved:* The Committee approved the Mission Statement and Expectations for Student Learning for the Jeremiah E. Burke High School as submitted by the Superintendent.

The Committee approved most of the recommendations in Superintendent Johnson’s “Pathways to Excellence” plan to strengthen and reorganize the Boston Public Schools (see motions below). [www.bostonpublicschools.org/pathways](http://www.bostonpublicschools.org/pathways).

*Approved:* The Committee approved the conceptual framework to guide the “Pathways to Excellence” reprogramming as recommended by the Superintendent.

*Approved:* The Committee approved the Superintendent’s recommendations to modify school structures and locations to create K-8 schools and pathways, effective September 2009, as part of the “Pathways to Excellence” reprogramming proposals.

*Approved:* The Committee approved the recommendation of the Superintendent to expand TechBoston Academy to a grade 6-12 program, with grades 6-8 located in the current Wilson Middle School building, and relocate and expand Young Achievers K-8 Science and Mathematics Pilot School at the current Lewenberg Middle School building, effective September 2009.

*Approved:* The Committee approved recommendations in the Superintendent’s “Pathways to Excellence” plan to modify school structures and locations to help achieve the goal of “Graduation for All,” including relocating and expanding Boston International High School to the former Thompson School building, merging the Academy of Public Service and Noonan Business Academy into a new high school located at the Dorchester Education Complex, and establishing a Newcomers Academy for late arriving English Language Learner students at the former Thompson School building.

*Approved:* The Committee approved changing three schools – Martin Luther King, Jr. K-8 School, Young Achievers K-8 School, and Mission Hill K-8 School – from citywide status to zone-based assignment status, effective September 2009. Given the proximity of these schools to assignment zone lines, each would be eligible for some cross-zone assignments, as permitted by School Committee policy.

Several items (new pilot schools and innovation/enrichment proposals) were tabled for further review, discussion and action at the November 19 meeting.